

(c) Prior to sharing any information with the Government under this program pursuant to the FA, the DIB participant shall perform a legal review of its policies and practices that support its activities under this program, and shall make a determination that such policies, practices, and activities comply with applicable legal requirements. The Government may request from any DIB participant additional information or assurances regarding such DIB participant's policies or practices, or the determination by the DIB participant that such policies or practices comply with applicable legal requirements.

(d) This voluntary DIB CS/IA program is intended to safeguard covered defense information. None of the restrictions on the Government's use or sharing of information under the DIB CS/IA program shall limit the Government's ability to conduct law enforcement, counterintelligence activities, or other activities in the interest of national security; and participation does not supersede other regulatory or statutory requirements.

(e) Participation in the DIB CS/IA program is voluntary and does not obligate the DIB participant to utilize the GFI in, or otherwise to implement any changes to, its information systems. Any action taken by the DIB participant based on the GFI or other participation in this program is taken on the DIB participant's own volition and at its own risk and expense.

(f) A DIB participant's voluntary participation in this program is not intended to create any unfair competitive advantage or disadvantage in DoD source selections or competitions, or to provide any other form of unfair preferential treatment, and shall not in any way be represented or interpreted as a Government endorsement or approval of the DIB participant, its information systems, or its products or services.

(g) The DIB participant and the Government may each unilaterally limit or discontinue participation in this program at any time. Termination shall not relieve the DIB participant or the Government from obligations to continue to protect against the unauthorized use or disclosure of GFI, attribution information, contractor propri-

etary information, third-party proprietary information, or any other information exchanged under this program, as required by law, regulation, contract, or the FA.

(h) Upon termination of the FA, and/or change of Facility Security Clearance status below Secret, GFI must be returned to the Government or destroyed pursuant to direction of, and at the discretion of, the Government.

(i) Participation in this program does not abrogate the Government's or the DIB participants' rights or obligations regarding the handling, safeguarding, sharing, or reporting of information, or regarding any physical, personnel, or other security requirements, as required by law, regulation, policy, or a valid legal contractual obligation.

#### § 236.7 DIB participant eligibility requirements.

To be eligible to participate in this program, a DIB company must:

(a) Have or acquire DoD-approved medium assurance certificates to enable encrypted unclassified information sharing between the Government and DIB participants;

(b) Have an existing active Facility Security Clearance (FCL) granted under the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM) (DoD 5220.22-M) with approved safeguarding for at least Secret information, and continue to qualify under the NISPOM for retention of its FCL and approved safeguarding (<http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/522022m.pdf>);

(c) Have or acquire a Communication Security (COMSEC) account in accordance with the NISPOM Chapter 9, Section 4 (DoD 5220.22-M), which provides procedures and requirements for COMSEC activities;

(d) Obtain access to DoD's secure voice and data transmission systems supporting the DIB CS/IA program,

(e) Own or operate covered DIB system(s), and

(f) Execute the standardized FA with the Government (available during the application process), which implements the requirements set forth in sections 236.4 through 236.6 of this part.

## PART 237a—PUBLIC AFFAIRS LIAISON WITH INDUSTRY

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237a.1 Purpose.

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### § 237a.1 Purpose.

This part establishes (a) guidance for preparation of the Defense Industry Bulletin, and (b) includes guidance and procedures governing Department of Defense cooperation with industry on (1) public affairs matters in general, (2) industry-sponsored events, and (3) advertising defense themes and products.

### § 237a.2 Applicability.

The provisions of this part apply to all components of the DoD.

### § 237a.3 Objective and policy.

(a) It is important that American industry—particularly defense contractors—understand the plans, programs, and activities of the DoD. Such understanding can be achieved by (1) wide dissemination of information to the business community, consistent with national security, and (2) cooperation with industry in public relations activities which are not contrary to the national or DoD interests.

(b) As outlined in part 237 of this subchapter, DoD components shall cooperate with industry at local and regional levels. However, they will notify the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) (ASD(PA)) promptly of any local or regional activity which has the potential of being escalated, or which has been escalated by unforeseen circumstances, to national or international interest.

### § 237a.4 Procedures.

(a) *Defense Industry Bulletin*. The bulletin, authorized by part 237 of this subchapter to apprise defense contractors, trade associations and other business organizations of DoD policies, plans, programs, and procedures which have an impact on business or indus-

try, achieve widespread awareness and understanding of DoD policies, plans, programs, and procedures governing research, development and production, and the procurement of goods and services, and serve as a guide to and stimulate ideas throughout the industrial community concerning solutions of problems arising in fulfillment of DoD requirements, will be published and distributed by the Directorate for Community Relations, OASD(PA).

(1) DoD components may submit any of the items listed below to the Editor, Defense Industry Bulletin, OASD(PA), by the 20th day of each month. If no significant information exists, a negative report will be submitted.

(i) Articles, preferably by-lined, with supporting photographs or illustrations. (Suggested length is 2,000–2,500 words, but may be shorter or longer as coverage of subject requires.)

(ii) Material covering subjects that are timely and of particular interest to those organizations oriented toward defense contracting, including, but not necessarily limited to:

- (a) Research and development;
- (b) Procurement;
- (c) Contract management;
- (d) Small business opportunity;
- (e) DoD policies affecting industry;
- (f) Management improvement programs, such as Zero Defects;
- (g) Programs successfully conducted by industry and the DoD working together;

(h) Explanations of new DoD issuances affecting industry; and

(i) Major organizational changes.

(iii) Key personnel appointment and reassignment announcements, for the “About People” section.

(iv) New or revised official directives, instructions, regulations, and other publications, for the “Bibliography” section.

(v) Scheduled technical meetings and symposia sponsored by DoD organizations, projected at least forty-five (45) days, for the “Meeting and Symposia” section.

(vi) Announcements of meetings, conferences, briefings, demonstrations, exercises, etc., projected at least forty-five (45) days, for the “Calendar of Events.”